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FACES OF CHRIST IN AGONY Protesters sit behind masks of Jesus Christ at a lightning rally in Makati City's financial district on Tuesday to remind the public about the sufferings of the Filipino poor during the Lenten Season.

# High court rebuffs Palace

## SC ruling refers only to next Chief Justice

By Dona Pazzibugan

CONTRARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S interpretation, President Macapagal-Arroyo cannot appoint vacancies in the judiciary except those in the Supreme Court based on the tribunal's controversial March 17 decision allowing Ms Arroyo's "midnight appointment" of the next Chief Justice.

Court Administrator Midas Marquez said the high court's decision only exempted the Supreme Court and not the entire judiciary from the constitutional provision that bars Ms Arroyo from making further appointments starting March 10 or two months from the May 10 elections.

"The decision of the court is very clear. It only pertains to appointments to the Supreme Court, not the entire judiciary," Marquez, the concurrent Supreme Court spokesperson, told reporters yesterday.

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## Quo vadis? Try Latin Mass

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

BRUSH UP ON YOUR KYRIE and Pater Noster. Ransack the old *baul* and bring out your lola's lace veil and Roman Catholic Daily Missal in Latin. And don't compare the lovely Gregorian hymns you heard the mass choirs long ago with what you'd be hearing.

Do you want to make a trip down church memory lane? If you want to immerse yourself in pre-Vatican II liturgical rituals and rubrics because you rue that the Roman Catholic

QUO VADIS A9



TRADITION, TRADITION Flagellants flog themselves with bamboo whips before marching to Malacañang on Tuesday. Catholic bishops continue to criticize the traditional Lenten rites of devotees who publicly whip themselves into a bloody mess.

## 10 commandments according to PNP

By Marlon Ramos

THE LATEST DIRECTIVE FROM Camp Crame sounds like the 10 commandments from Mount Sinai.

Stressing the significance of the May 10 elections in preserving democracy, Philippine National Police Director General Jesus Verzosa yesterday issued a 10-point guideline that policemen must observe in performing their election duties.

Verzosa's order came three weeks after he made a bold statement during an Inquirer interview that he would not support moves to prolong President Macapagal-Arroyo's stay in office.

It also came amid insinuations that the President had given Verzosa the cold shoulder on two public occasions because she felt slighted by his remarks.

Dubbed "Nag-10 Utos Para Sa Halalan 2010," the policy outlines the "proper conduct and decorum" for policemen during the election period.

Among them is Verzosa's order for policemen to "support

10 COMMANDMENTS A4

## Poll adviser worried over loss of ballot security mark

By Kristine L. Alave

ANOTHER HICCUP HAS LED TO one less election safeguard.

A major security feature of the machines to be used in the automated elections on May 10 has reportedly been turned off after tests failed to sense the ultraviolet (UV) mark that would identify a genuine ballot.

Ramon Casiple, a member of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) Advisory Council, yesterday expressed concern over the changes made on the security identifiers used in the

POLL A4



## Mt. Diwalwal honor students get 14-k gold medals

By Frinston Lim
Inquirer Mindanao

MONKAYO, COMPOSTELA VALLEY—A fidgety Eva Jane Rivera was beaming as the names of the honor students were being called out.

The 12-year-old was among the Top 10 students (all valedictorians from Grade 1 to fourth year high school) of Mt. Diwalwal village, who each received a 10-gram gold medal in this year's commencement exercises.

The local government of

MT. DIWALWAL A4

## Clash of the Negros 'doñas': Yellow vs green

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

BACOLOD CITY—A YELLOW, postwar two-story wooden house owned by a big sugar planter stands on one side of Dr. Locsin Street in Silay City, 14 kilometers north of here. Across from it is a green sprawling bungalow belonging to an equally known socialite leader.

The clash of fresh colors is an arresting sight as passions run high among volunteer campaigners of Liberal Party presidential candidate Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino and Lakas-Kampi-CMD standard-bearer Gilberto "Gibo" Teodoro, even in this upscale neighborhood of the city's old rich.

"This is not a war of I am right and you are wrong. This is a business of believing in fighting for the leader you think will best help the country," said Lynn Gamboa, president of the Negros Cultural Foundation and owner of the green bungalow.

Her neighbor, Gina Barabino

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## 16 stories with happy endings

(Last of three parts)

By Michael L. Tan
Columnist

SPECIAL REPORT

THIS WAS ONE CONGRESS organized by the Ateneo Professional Schools (APS) that unfolded through 16 stories of projects with the involvement of Ateneo, all confronting the poverty challenge. From building community health programs to human rights work, from housing to environmental conservation, all the projects came out of one shared premise, borrowed from Nobel Prize laureate Amartya Sen: Poverty is a problem of a lack of capacity or opportunity.

In the first two installments of this article, I described the rationale for Ateneo's involvement in these projects, and shared some of the stories.

Many questions raced through my mind as I reviewed those stories. Mainly, given the extent of poverty and deprivation in the country, I wondered about how to attain the goal was of poverty alleviation through capacity building.

For example, one corporate social responsibility project presented at the Congress tries to get sari-sari store fran-

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## 'La vida loca': Ricky Martin is happily gay

LOS ANGELES—IT WAS A SUDDEN "too heavy" even for someone living la vida loca.

Puerto Rican singer Ricky Martin, in a bombshell to legions of his fans all over the world, on Monday confirmed a longtime rumor that he is gay.

"I am proud to say that I am a fortunate homosexual man. I am very blessed to be who I am," he wrote on his ricky-

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# Gibo quits as Lakas-Kampi chair

IN A MOVE SEEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO DISTANCE himself from the Arroyo administration, Lakas-Kampi-CMD standard-bearer Gilbert "Gibo" Teodoro Jr. has resigned as party chair purportedly to focus on his campaign less than 40 days before the May 10 elections.

## Saturday a holiday; half-day in gov't today

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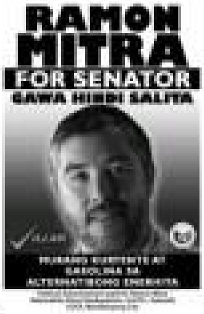




# EU bars RP planes from bloc

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## *Palace to BIR, toll board: Settle VAT on tolls issue*

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## DENR: Ponder on agony we cause environment

By Alcuin Papa

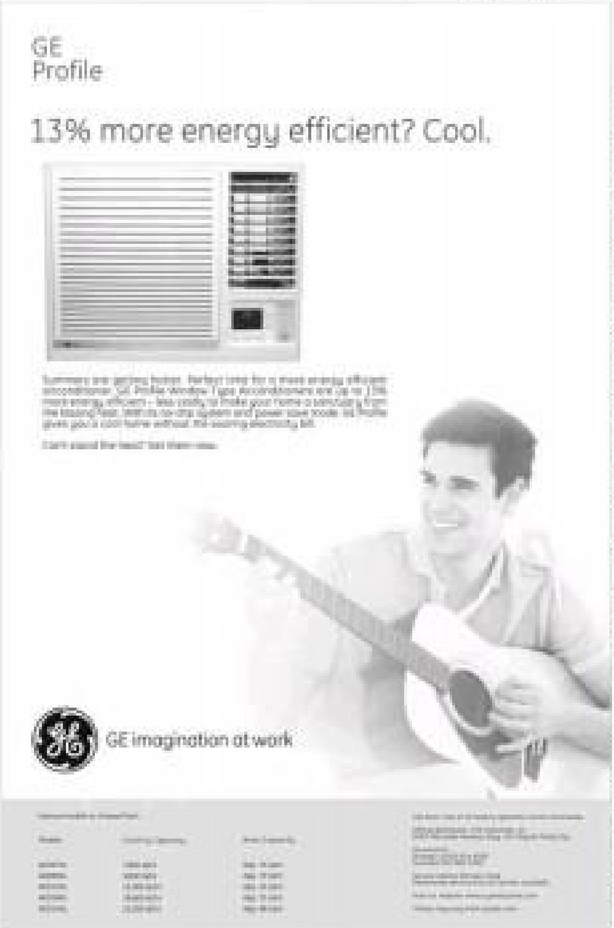
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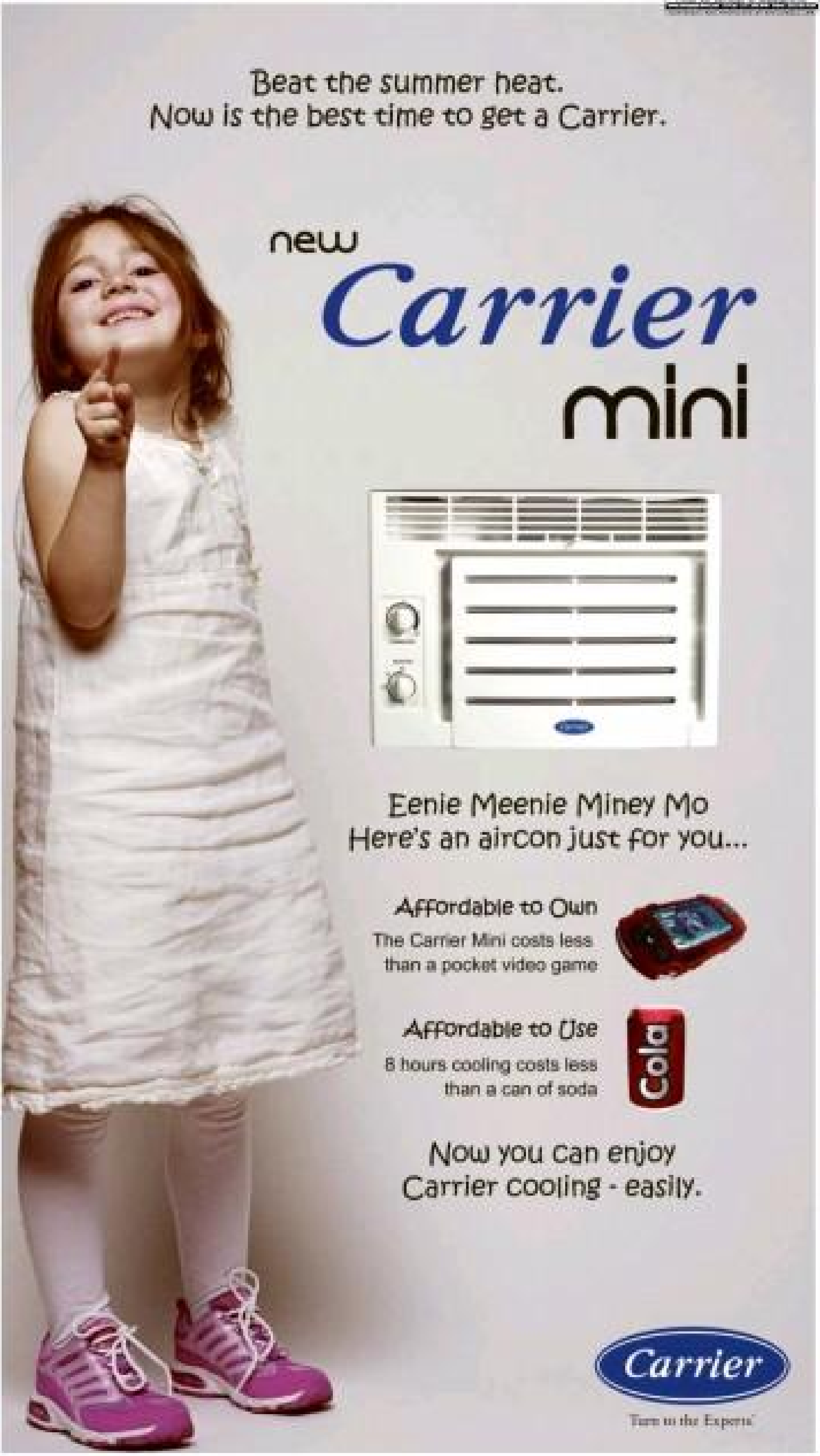
**Things we can do**

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**Water bottle blues**

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# Clash of the Negros 'doñas': Yellow vs green



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# Quo vadis? Try Latin Mass down memory lane

From page A1

Church is too involved in the modern world as, in fact, it should be as the church's social encyclicals so urges, there is a place for you to go.

In other words, if you are a traditionalist and you want to find company.

## Skirts, veils

Every day, for some years now, the Tridentine Rite of Mass, also known as the traditional Latin Mass, is being held at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church. (The word Tridentine is derived from the Roman Catholic Church's 16th-century Council of Trent that preceded Vatican I and II.) Located in New Manila in Quezon City, the church is run by the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX). Fr. Adam Purdy is the prior of the church.

In this church, women wear veils as in pre-Vatican II days. Those who have none could borrow veils and even skirts right there. (A woman offered to lend [illegible].)

Women are urged to not wear pants and instead wear skirts or dresses. Men are enjoined to wear decent attire. Men and women in shorts and those with bare backs and figure-hugging outfits are not seen here, unlike in mainstream churches where the dress code is sadly generally ignored.

Last Palm Sunday's Latin Mass (including the blessing of the palm fronds) at Our Lady of Victories Church was two-and-a-half-hours long. The Mass (readings, prayers) was entirely in Latin, and mostly chanted solo, except for the Credo and Pater Noster which the choir and the congregation sang.

The Palm Sunday gospel (the Passion of Jesus, which is among the longest in the entire year), which took some 20 minutes to chant, was delivered with the priest facing toward the side. Those with Latin missals could follow but the rest simply listened, sat, stood, kneeled. There was no homily and little oral participation from the congregation.

## Back turned to people

The priest, Albert Hela (we were told), wore the old version of the chasuble, and celebrated Mass facing the altar, with his back turned to the people. He faced the congregation only when he sang "Dominus vobiscum" and "Ite missa est."

Communicants kneeled at the railings (no queuing) and received the Eucharist straight into their mouths from the priest and not from lay ministers.

And the music? This was not the Misa del Campesino of Latin America. And this was not the Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat or the chapel of St. Scholastica's. If the music alone of the "momentous occasion" (as the invitation described it) were to be critiqued, there was much to be desired.

As one observer said, "St. Gregory the Great would agree that solemn need not be long, tedious and dry. The Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, was a super-charged, dramatic event. Jesus rose to that. I was looking forward to at least hearing a soaring Panis Angelicus."

## Excommunicated, reinstated

But there are Catholics who still want this kind of 16th-century liturgy. About 400 people—properly attired, many carrying Latin missals—were present at the Palm Sunday Latin Mass.

SSPX was founded by the controversial French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, who defied Vatican II reforms. He ordained four bishops without the permission of Pope John Paul II and was promptly excommunicated. The four bishops were reinstated into the Catholic Church only last year.

But according to background information from Purdy, the lifting of the excommunication does not mean that SSPX is now fully reconciled with the Church. For its part, SSPX had issued a statement, signed by one of its bishops, Bernard Fellay, expressing "filial gratitude to the Holy Father for this gesture" and looking forward to "talks which enable the Priestly Society of St. Pius X to explain the fundamental reasons which it believes to be at the origin of the present difficulties of the Church."

Purdy (who was not present last Sunday) had invited media to the Palm Sunday Mass so that the traditional Latin mass would be popularized. He said: "The Holy Father Benedict has made known his intention for the return of this celebration of the Mass. His Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum of July 7, 2007 was world news. This document is the request of bishops and priests to restore/return to the Traditional Liturgy."

[illegible], an advocate of the restoration and of the Tridentine Mass, said: "The Lord Our God is calling His people to go back to tradition. Modernism has [put] mankind in peril. Mankind is already going back to natural and traditional medicine. So, in religion, mankind is going back to tradition for it is the truth and was founded by Jesus Christ Himself and his apostles."

Not everyone totally agrees.

## Nostalgia

Theologian/Sister [illegible] of the Missionary of Jesus, a much sought-after lecturer and preacher, said of the move to popularize and restore the traditional Latin Mass: "It's totally out of context. God would like to talk to you in your own language, in a language you understand. How do you explain the divine in a mysterious language?"

Latin, the lingua franca of the Roman empire, is no longer spoken anywhere in the world but many words and phrases have survived and made it into the major languages of the world. Much like Sanskrit in the Hindu religion.

"It's a nostalgia for the past," [illegible] said.

## Traditionalists

Bishop Julio X. Labayen, known to be a progressive bishop and a Carmelite, told the Inquirer: "The Church also respects the traditionalists. If the Latin Masses would keep their faith right, then let them be. The most important thing is faith in Christ Jesus."

He added: "But after Vatican II, and with the liturgy that we have now, we can see that the Church has moved into the language of the people. It is in order to make the faith message meaningful to the masses."



## The Daily Gospel

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Wednesday, Holy Week

1st Reading: [illegible]
Gospel: [illegible]

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# Across the NATION

# Bombing of bus, jeep terminal foiled

OZAMIZ CITY—POLICE FOILED AN ATTEMPT to bomb this city's public utility vehicle terminal yesterday, locating and detonating an improvised explosive device (IED) that investigators said was capable of blowing the entire terminal up.

## Remove troops from Pangasinan, solon says




PRESIDENTIAL candidate Gilberto Teodoro looks up at the ceiling during a rally at the Batangas City Sports Center with local candidates.

## *Faction of Honasan group endorses Gibo*

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MINING and its impact on the local environment have become an election issue in the provinces.



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# Mining and its costs

THE INQUIRER IS STARTING TODAY "HOMETOWN ISSUES" TO HELP voters in the provinces gauge local candidates. In this series, the INQUIRER solicits the views of candidates for governor, mayor or representative of select provinces, towns, cities and congressional districts on their programs to address various problems that impact on their constituents.

**■ ZAMBALES**
Capital: Iba
Towns: 13
**Population** (2007): 493,085
Voting Population: 322,087
**Major Industries:** tourism, mining, agriculture, manufacturing

Can the revenue generated by mining operations in the province compensate for the environmental and social costs that they also bring?

**Candidates for governor**

■ AMOR DELOSO (Liberal Party): "The question is pragmatic. It assumes that every operation is compensable with consequent damage to the environment. In which case the answer is no, otherwise the answer is yes. The big time operators are the problem—they have not developed a social conscience. That is why Zambales is behind in terms of development."

■ HERMOGENES EBDANE JR. (Partido ng Manggagawa at Magsasaka): "We can only hope for mining to pay for social and environmental costs when it is premised on proper use and preservation of resources. Mining can, indeed, prevent people livelihood opportunities, but there should be compliance with laws to maintain ecological balance. And unless the survival of our people is at stake, we may even forego mining operations."

■ HILARY PANGAN (Ang Kapatiran Party): "Water, food, environment are priceless. We cannot exchange survival with any amount. The escalation of violence in Zambales due to mining operations will be blood in the hands of politicians who benefited in the mining industry."

**■ BENGUET**
Capital: La Trinidad
Towns: 13
**Population** (2007): 372,533
Voting population: 195,290
**Major Industries:** agriculture, mining, tourism

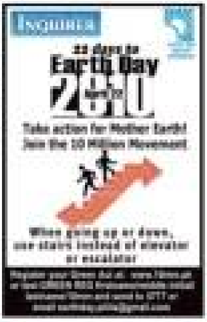
What must be done to protect Benguet's watersheds from further poaching and environmental destruction?

**Candidates for governor**

■ SAMUEL DANGWA (Lakas-Kampi-CMD): "All forests, national parks and watersheds must be top priority in the next five years. We need to achieve a working balance between the government's mandate to protect watersheds and the people's indigenous forest management practices."

■ NESTOR FONGWAN (Lakas-Kampi-CMD): "Laws against the destruction of the environment must be enforced. But the province and towns must be involved. We need community participation. The province has 70 communal forests and 13 of them have already been inventoried. After the inventory, the DENR must turn over these forests to LGUs so they could be better protected."

■ RAUL MOLINTAS (Nationalist People's Coalition): "The government must hire more forest rangers and tree planting must become a strong advocacy for all sectors. The DENR must work together with LGUs to combat watershed destruction."









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AGBAYANI

## Should Pangasinan host nuke plants?

**■ PANGASINAN**
Capital: Lingayen
Towns: 44 towns, 4 cities
**Population** (2007): 2,645,395
Voting population: 1,528,388
**Major Industries:** agriculture, aquaculture, tourism

What is your position on the proposed establishment of two nuclear power plants in Pangasinan?

**Candidates for governor**

■ AMADO ESPINO JR. (Lakas-Kampi-CMD): "As long as all agencies concerned can guarantee the safety of the nuclear power plants, I will support the project. Definitely, nuclear power plants will lower the cost of energy in the country."

■ VICTOR AGBAYANI (Liberal Party): "The people of Pangasinan should be consulted first whether they want to host the nuclear power plants. But I believe Pangasinan has done its share in generating power for the Luzon grid, with the combined output of about 1,900 megawatts of the Sual coal-fired power plant and the San Roque Power Corp. Besides, Luzon has energy surplus, so why build a power plant in Luzon? Nonnuclear plants should be built where there is shortage of power." *Interviews by Gabriel Cardinoza and Yolanda Sotelo in Pangasinan, Robert Gonzaga in Zambales, and Delmar Cariño in Benguet*

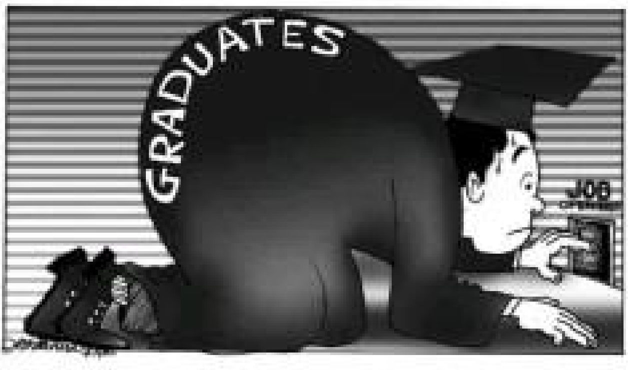


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John Molo

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By Jose Marcos



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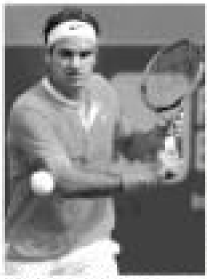
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# *Erratic Federer gains fourth round berth*

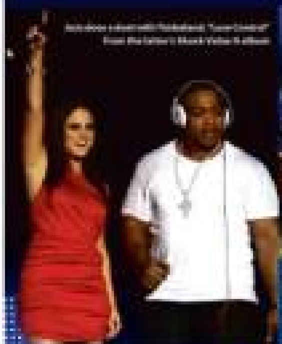
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## ROLL OUT HOTTEST CONCERT IN THE CITY

### Timbaland ,Timberlake, JoJo concert draws 80,000 fans





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# 'Enforce no plate, no travel policy'

## NCRPO chief orders men to step up drive to prevent crimes during Lent

By Niña Calleja

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION POLICE OFFICE (NCRPO) chief Director Roberto Rosales has ordered the heads of the different police districts in Metro Manila to strictly enforce the "no plate, no travel" policy to prevent criminals from operating during Holy Week.

In a directive, Rosales said the enforcement of the policy would boost the election gun ban being implemented by the Philippine National Police nationwide.

"We have hampered criminals' capability to fight by ensuring that only authorized law enforcement agents carry firearms. Now, we must intensify our efforts to restrict their movements by denying them the opportunity to use vehicles that we cannot associate with their identity," Rosales said in a statement yesterday.

Under the no plate, no travel policy, policemen can flag down and impound all vehicles traveling without license plates.

According to Rosales, since he assumed his post more than a year ago, the number of car theft cases have gone down from a daily average of four to six vehicles to only one to two vehicles.

Despite this, he said he wants all police units under his jurisdiction to intensify their operations against vehicle thieves to make the metropolis car theft-free.

Based on NCRPO records, most of the syndicates or individuals involved in killings, cases of robbery, abduction and hijacking used stolen vehicles to prevent authorities from identifying them.

Rosales, meanwhile, reminded motorists that license plates issued by the Land Transportation Office should not be removed, replaced or transferred to another vehicle unless allowed by the law.

At the same time, he ordered his men to seize unauthorized license plates, including expired commemorative plates which were not properly displayed, and to file charges against drivers using these plates.

Rosales also called on all police commanders to be more vigilant, especially when conducting checkpoints, to prevent criminals from striking during the Lenten Season.





**SAME SCENE, DIFFERENT PARTICIPANTS**
Residents of Barangay 111 in Paco, Manila, sing about the passion and life of Jesus Christ, a tradition which is replicated by inmates of the Makati City jail, in observance of Holy Week. [illegible]

## Operations of MRT, LRT suspended from April 1-4

By Paolo G. Montecillo

METRO MANILA'S OVERHEAD train systems will stop operating during the four-day Holy Week break to make way for annual maintenance checks.

In advisories posted on their websites, operators of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Lines 1 and 2 and the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) said there would be no operations from April 1, Maundy Thursday, until April 4, Easter Sunday.

The three train systems will resume normal operations on April 5, Monday.

"In observance of the upcoming Lenten season and to give way to our yearly maintenance check of the system, the operations of MRT Edsa line will be temporarily suspended," MRT operator [illegible] said on its website.

The MRT, which runs on Edsa from Taft Avenue in Pasay City to North Avenue in Quezon City and vice versa, carries about 450,000 passengers daily.

Meanwhile, the LRT Authority (LRTA) which operates Lines 1 and 2 said it would shut down both lines on the same dates.

"We will be suspending our commercial revenue operations ... for four consecutive days to make way for our annual maintenance work ...," the LRTA said.

Line 1 runs from Baclaran in Pasay City and carries about 500,000 passengers daily while Line 2, which plies the Recto to Santolan route, ferries less than 200,000 people every day.

## EPD, Manila police step up patrols to prevent burglaries, other crimes

By DJ Yap and J.L. Andrade

AS IN PAST OBSERVANCES OF the Holy Week, the Eastern Police District (EPD) is on heightened alert, patrolling residential areas, churches and schools and looking out for opportunistic burglars.

During Lent, the EPD director said streets are deserted and most houses are empty, hence the need for greater police visibility in residential places to thwart burglaries.

"We will set up police assistance centers on main thoroughfares for motorists and [illegible] security in schools [illegible] holding their graduation rites," Chief Supt. [illegible], EPD director, said.

[illegible]

On Wednesday and Thursday, policemen in the cities of Pasig, Mandaluyong, San Juan and Marikina will pray the Stations of the Cross, an activity he said would also involve [illegible].

[illegible] said the eastern part of Metro Manila, having no major terminals, typically observes the Lenten season quietly and peacefully but he assured the public that the police would remain vigilant in keeping the peace.

In Manila, Mayor Alfredo Lim ordered the police and barangay officials to conduct more patrols during Holy Week to protect homeowners against burglars.

In a statement, Lim said thieves usually operate during Holy Week when a lot of the city's residents go home to their provinces, leaving their houses unattended.

He urged Manilans to make sure to lock their homes and secure these against intruders before they go on vacation.

Lim said the visibility of barangay watchmen and policemen was important to deter criminals from preying on unattended houses.

"Patrols would discourage thieves from burglarizing houses which have been left by their owners," he said.

# Ivler's doctor tells court he's ready to be discharged

By Julie M. Aurelio

## Drug raid operatives get cash incentives

By Niño Calleja

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# 'Shattered' Russia mourns blasts victims

MOSCOW—MOSCOW HELD A DAY OF MOURNING on Tuesday for the 39 people killed in a pair of underground suicide bombings as the Russian authorities faced pressure to prevent a resurgence of deadly militant attacks.



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## Seeks probe of 'highly offensive prices' at WESM

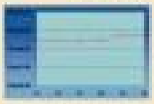
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRICITY CONsumers for Reforms Inc. has sought a stricter implementation of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) as it blamed the noncompliance of distribution utilities for the current power crisis in Mindanao.

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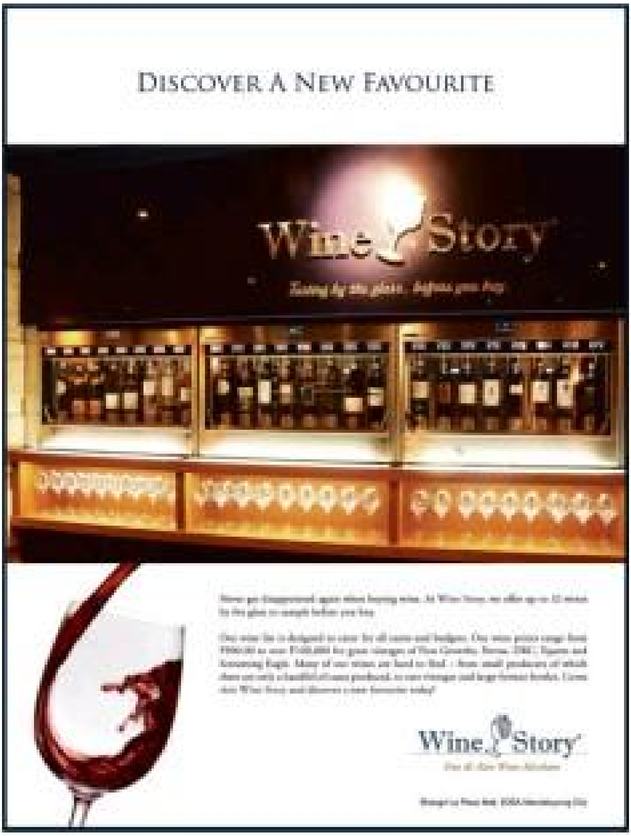
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STOCK MARKET

### Stocks hit 2-year high








# First Pac buys 6.6% stake of Lopez group in Meralco

## Consolidates holdings in Beacon Electric

## Robinsons Land, BPI in housing loan tie-up

## CitisecOnline posts 154% jump in profit

## Stocks hit 2-year high

## Group slams DOE, utilities for crisis

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## Election inflation

BIZ BUZZ
By the staff

#### Watch that verb!

#### Not to be outdone

#### It's the board

#### Fishy insurance

# Gov't eyes $500-M OFW bond issue

## 20% earmarked for retail, 80% for institutional buyers

By Ronnel W. Domingo



HIGH-VALUE TAWI-TAWI GROUPER

# Nido starts survey in SC 58 area in Palawan

# AgriNurture buying 3 SMEs

By Riza T. Olchondra

## *ERC sets new plant ownership limits*

By Amy R. Remo

# Trade department seeks GSP extension for eight products

By Abigail L. Ho

# Toyota to reshape global operations



# Asia shares rise on healthier economic prospects

## Upswing in US consumer spending helped boost stocks

# *McDonald's to open 2,000 stores in China by 2013*




# Japan jobless rate steady as factory output declines

# US Fed said to worry about unemployment

# SEC checks firms' accounting methods

# US will sell Citi stock to reap profit from bailout

# MOTORING

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# Vespa: More than just two wheels



THE VESPA has an all-steel frame, making it more sturdy than the fiberglass bodies of its cheaper brethren.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE ICONIC VESPA EASILY stands out—like the queen among the masses—from the crowd of cacophonic motorcycles that rule the congested streets of Metro Manila, and it makes no apologies for it.

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# The incredible lightness of Zoom-Zooming

ON THE ROAD



*Aida Sevilla-Mendoza*



THE MAZDA2'S Miata-like cockpit

IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT THE ALL-new, soon-to-be-introduced 2010 Mazda3 will look like up front, go see the 2010 Mazda2 at the dealership nearest you.

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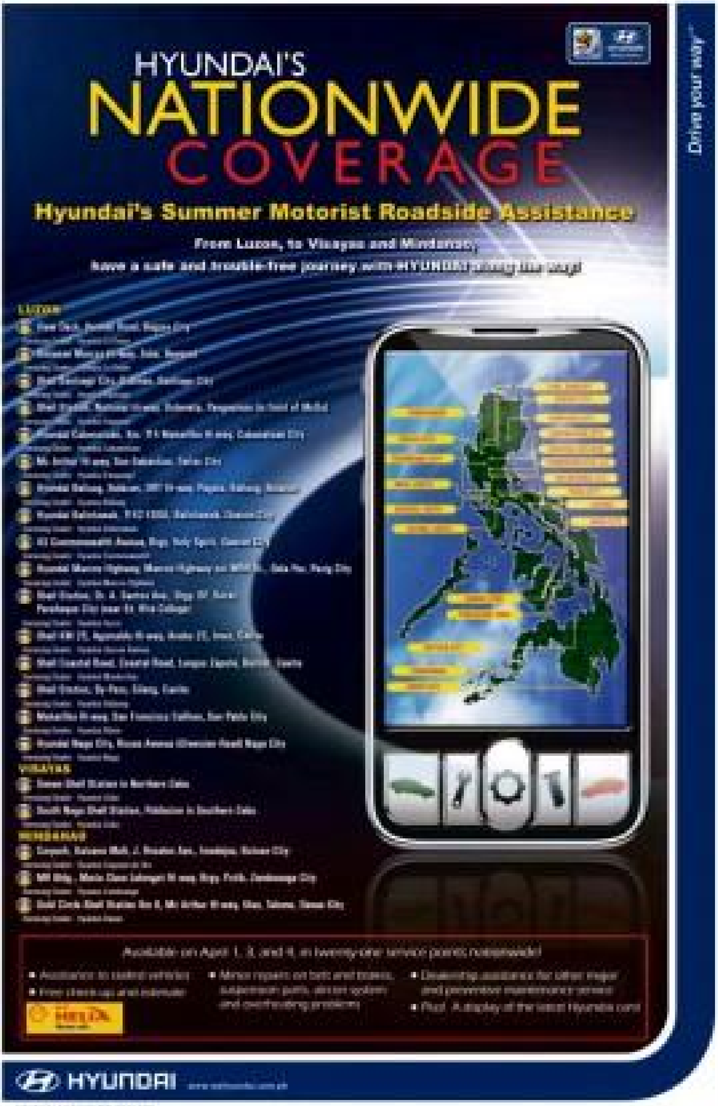
The 2010 Mazda2 is an attractively designed, sporty little car with a punchy 1.5-liter engine.

## Motorist assistance

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# A NATIONWIDE TOUR OF DUTY

## HYUNDAI IS ON A ROLL FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER MOTORIST ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE



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# LIFESTYLE Parenting






# Homework helper

Is your son having a hard time in school? Is he finding it hard to focus? Is he distracted and disorganized? Does he fail to finish his homework? This book is for you

By Pam Pastor

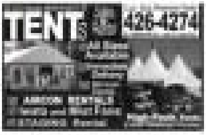
STRESSED BECAUSE your otherwise brilliant son isn't doing well in school? You're not alone. Ana Homayoun, an academic counselor, wrote "That Crumpled Paper Was Due Last Week," a book that aims to help "disorganized and distracted boys succeed in school and life."

The problem, Homayoun says, is that boys are not as good as girls when it comes to multitasking, resulting in them being disorganized and falling behind in school. And the answer? You need to teach your son organizational techniques that allow them to focus on tasks one at a time until they are all done. This makes sure they have enough time for everything—from homework and sports to family and social life—and that they will be doing everything well.

**Five factors**

Homayoun details these organizational techniques in her book. But she eases you into taking a step towards change by first pinpointing why boys have a difficult time with organization and time management. Homayoun, who has worked with countless young boys, says there are five basic factors that affect a boy's performance in school: trouble with multitasking, over-involved parents, technology distractions, sleep deprivation

HOMEWORK, C3





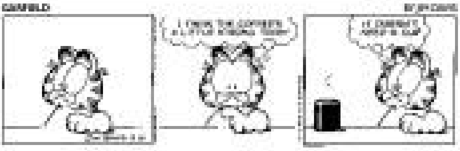


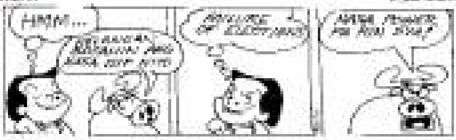


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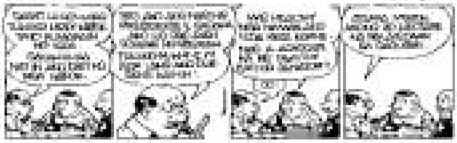
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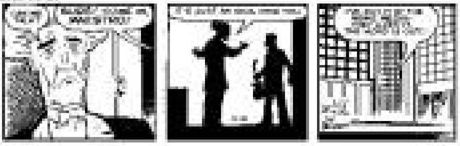


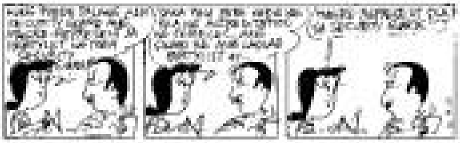



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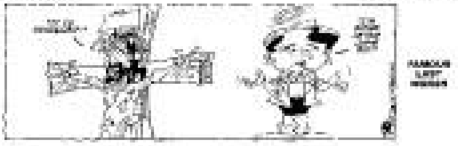
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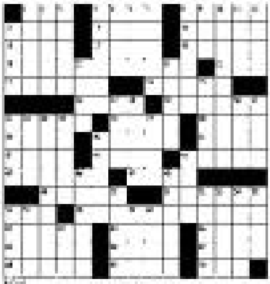


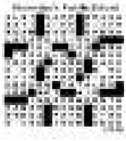
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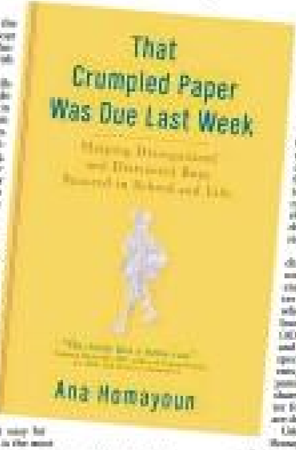
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





# Homework helper






# *Wellness center offers free retreat*

# Summer courses for kids

LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining



Take it from the head of logistics, security and production for the recent Mar Roxas-Korina Sanchez wedding



# Over 40 memorable state dinners, receptions—how we put them together

I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE of working on over 40 state dinners with Malacañang's Social Secretary Bettina Aboitiz for the past nine years. All have been memorable. But the one that took us out of the Palace and into the island shores of Bohol and Boracay were extra fun.

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## Asean Summit

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# Cardholders treated to gourmet food, excellent wines

**WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH**

*Maurice Arcache*



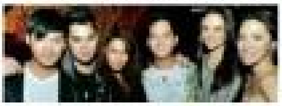
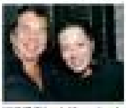
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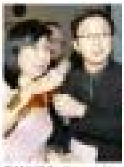

### New hot night spot

### New hotel GM

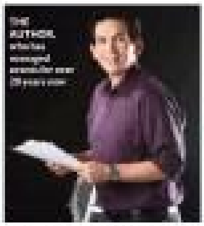





# Over 40 memorable state dinners . . .





## Corporate conventions





## Sports events for Nike

# Manage sale events better

THE CONSUMER

Linda B. Bolido

Make sure supplies are sufficient for the duration of the sale

### Setting a limit

### Holiday mode

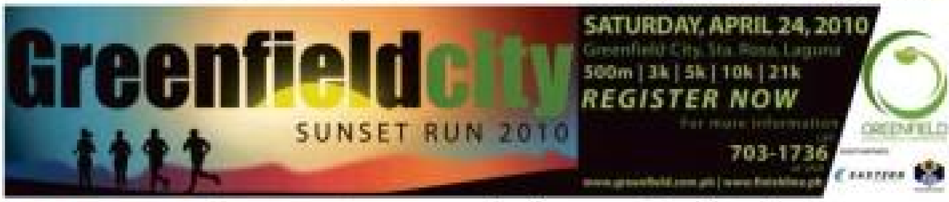
## 'Slim' exhibit extended



# Entertainment

Top 10 Films at the US box office







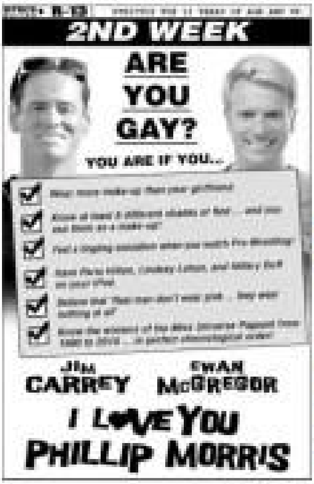

ANGELO with dad Cesar Montano and Sunshine Cruz

## Cesar recalls playing pranks on Angelo




Dolly Anne Carvajal

## GF attends funeral of Buboy's son





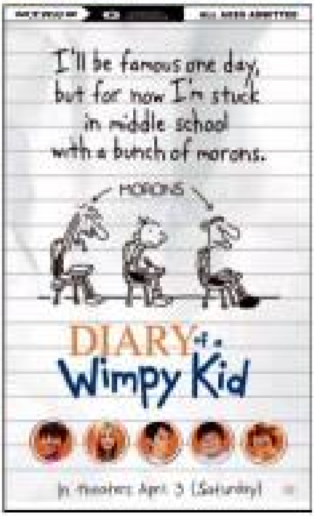




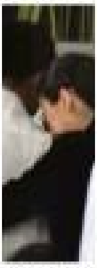






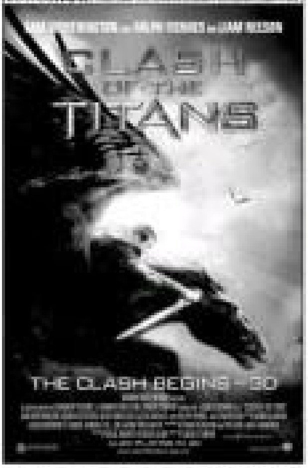
# GF attends funeral of Buboy's son



TOGETHER in grief. Cesar Montano and Sunshine Cruz at Angelo's wake








## Cesar recalls…
















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# Celebs caught buying fake passes for Timbaland concert






Hugs and kisses

Early Easter

Wedding Filipinas

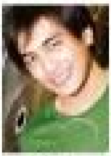
Boomerang

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End of '24'



Top of the talk shows

